

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3320 - SB 3637

February 21, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes county or municipal correctional officers to carry a firearm, pending completion of firearms training by the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission and authorization in writing by the sheriff.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures - Exceeds \$12,500/One-Time/Permissive**  
**Exceeds \$1,200/Recurring/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- The bill requires the local correctional officer to have training by the POST Commission; however they do not conduct firearms training.
- According to the Department of Commerce & Insurance, POST would refer the local correctional officers to the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA).
- TLETA charges \$250 per correctional officer for the initial 40-hour training that is required. Each correctional officer would also be required to attend eight hours of training per year thereafter for a cost of \$25 per officer per year.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, 400-500 basic law enforcement officers are trained per year. While the precise number of local governments who will authorize their correctional officers to attend TLETA training is unknown, it is reasonably estimated that at least 50 local government correctional officers will attend the initial TLETA training.
- The one-time increase in permissive local government expenditures is estimated to be \$12,500 (50 estimated officers attending x \$250 per officer)
- The recurring increase in permissive local government expenditures is estimated to be \$1,250 (50 estimated officers x \$25 per officer per year).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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